

NINETY-SECOND COMMEMORATION  
OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2007*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today we solemnly commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide where, over the course of eight years, from 1915 to 1923, the Ottoman Empire launched a systematic campaign to exterminate its Armenian community. During that time, more than 1.5 million Armenians suffered through mass killings, deportations, forced slavery and torture.

Once the genocide ended, many survivors rose above their anguish and terrible experiences to rebuild their lives. Armenian communities began to flourish as numerous immigrants found a new home here in the United States, as well as in my home state of California. Even though their communities discovered solace and success in America, the scars of genocide remain deeply embedded in their history and in our conscience.

If we are to pro actively engage the international community, we must realize the significance of commemorating the Armenian Genocide. Equipped with information and education, we can ensure that the legacy of the genocide endures and that atrocities such as those that befell the Armenian people never happen again.

Together we can educate, commemorate, remember, and stand united in promoting a clear message that the United States does not condone, nor does it tolerate acts of genocide.

Today we mourn the victims, pay tribute to the survivors, and stand together with all who are committed to promoting awareness about the atrocities of genocide. Today we remember to never forget.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE  
HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE  
HONORABLE JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, MEMBER OF  
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2007*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD. I was saddened to learn of her passing after her courageous battle with cancer, and my thoughts and prayers are with her husband, James McDonald, Jr., their five children and five grandchildren—as well as the people of the 37th district of California.

Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD served this Congress honorably for over five terms, during which time she was a tireless advocate for underserved communities in the U.S. and around the globe. Among her many accomplishments, Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD secured critical funding for counseling services for our servicemen and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan,

and was instrumental in the passage of important AIDS-prevention programs in Africa. The Congresswoman was also a staunch advocate for the rights of women, minorities, children, and the elderly.

Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD will also be remembered as a preeminent leader and trailblazer. She was the first-ever African-American or woman to chair the Committee on House Administration where she worked hard to ensure that all Americans would be guaranteed their rights at the voting booth. As the Democratic Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD convened groundbreaking meetings with then-UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to discuss global poverty programs, as well as the New York Stock Exchange to find ways to empower women in the workplace.

Madam Speaker, Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD led an exemplary life of public service that included her most recent position as the "Mayor of Capitol Hill". The House community lost a true friend. May God rest her soul.

HONORING THE OREGON-DAVIS  
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2007*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to express my congratulations to the Oregon-Davis boys' basketball team for winning the Indiana 1-A boys' basketball state championship on March 24, 2007. The Bobcats' victory comes just 3 weeks after the Lady-Bobcats captured the 1-A girls' State crown with a 54-46 victory in the title game. This is the first time in Indiana High School Basketball history that both the boys' and girls' State basketball titles were won by the same school in the same year.

The Bobcats' 63-52 victory over the Barr-Reeve Vikings was the crowning achievement to an almost perfect season. Oregon-Davis finished with a record of 27-1 and held the top ranking in Division 1-A for most of the season. The Bobcats' win was led by the individual performances of seniors Justin Egger and Nathan Ferch who scored 19 and 18 points, respectively, the victory was a team effort. The boys made 20 of 25 free throws throughout the game, tying the Indiana record for most free throws in a State championship.

The Bobcats' varsity roster consisted of 11 young men, including seniors Justin Egger, Nathan Ferch, Brandon Johnston, Joseph Baughman, Austen Cornell, and Adam Pflugshaupt; juniors Daniel Henigsmith, Ryne Sweeney, Andy Lawrence, and Josh Taylor; sophomore Mike Wood; and freshmen Travis Collings and Nick Hofferth. Following the game, Adam Pflugshaupt was awarded with the prestigious Arthur L. Tester "Award for Mental Attitude" for his excellence in leadership, scholarship, and athletic ability.

The boys were supported throughout the season by the dedicated coaching staffed by Head Coach Travis Hannah; assisted by coaches Ryan Reese, Jim Ash, and Shaun Johnston; and managed by Brandon Surma.

School administrators such as Superintendent William Rentschler, Principal Greg Biles, and Athletic Director Will Hostrawser must also be recognized for their crucial role in the team's success.

Finally, recognition must be given to the school community of Oregon-Davis and its surrounding areas for the enthusiastic support of the team both during the season and in the State finals. Despite Oregon-Davis's enrollment of only 246, the athletic department sold over 1,800 tickets to Bobcat fans who then traveled to Indianapolis to support the team in the State finals. This show of support no doubt was instrumental in the team's victory.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Bobcats' boys basketball team, as well as to all Oregon-Davis students, staff, and supporters for the team's outstanding achievements in the 2006-2007 basketball season.

HONORING THE PLYMOUTH HIGH  
SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2007*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise before you to offer a word of congratulations to the Plymouth High School boys' basketball team. The Pilgrims were crowned Division 3A Indiana state basketball champions on March 24, 2007, at Indianapolis's Consecration Fieldhouse. Plymouth captured the state title with a 72-61 victory over Evansville's Benjamin Bosse High School.

The boys worked tirelessly throughout the season and compiled an overall record of 25-2. This season's efforts bested the team's 2005 finish of State runner-up. This is only the second time in the school's history that the boys' basketball team has captured the State title, and this season's triumph marks the 25th anniversary of the school's 1982 championship season.

This year's team was led by seniors Jason Renz, Jared Wendel, Chad Clinton, Jacob Palmer, and Bryon Faulstich. Other members of the team include juniors P.J. Gretter, Randy Davis, Nick Neidlinger, Sam Faulstich, Ryan Welch, and Blaine Schafer, and sophomore Jeremy Renz. Randy Davis and Jared Wendel gave impressive individual performances in the championship game, scoring 28 and 20 points, respectively. Individual honors were also bestowed upon Jason Renz as he was awarded the prestigious Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award for his distinguished leadership, scholarship, and athletic ability.

This team's achievements would not have been possible without the support of a wide variety of coaches and school officials. Head Coach Jack Edison—in his 34th season of coaching at Plymouth—and his assistant staff of John Scott, Michael Edison, Joel Grindle, Zach Scott, Tony Plothow, and Tom Isenbarger provided the players with guidance both on and off the court. Administrators such as Superintendent Dr. John Hill, Principle Richard Tobias, and Athletic Director Roy Bengtson must also be recognized for their efforts in support of the team's continued success. Last, but certainly not least, all the Plymouth fans, and in particular the always energetic student body, should be recognized for their enthusiasm and pride in the team.